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STATUS OF PRIMARY AND UPPER PRIMARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had prepared ranking of the status of primary, upper primary and Higher Secondary education in States as reported in 'The Times of India` dated January 05, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the names of the States and Union Territories at the bottom in the balance sheet of elementary, upper primary and Higher Secondary education ranking; and

(d) the steps taken / to be taken by the Government to uplift the ranking of these States?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b) To assess progress of States and Union Territories towards the goal of Universalisation of Elementary Education (UEE), an Educational Development Index (EDI) has been developed to rank States/UTs against key parameters of elementary education, State-wise ranking on a composite index for primary and upper primary level of education on 2005-06 data is given at Annexure.

(c) The last 4 States in the 2005-06 EDI for elementary level are Bihar, Jharkhand, Arunachal Pradesh and West Bengal and for the Upper Primary level are Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh.

(d) These States receive priority in allocation of funds under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. In addition, capacity building of these States through trainings and workshops has been undertaken, especially in components in which these States are not performing well.